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SUBJECT: ALLEGED JAPANESE RESTRICTION OF FOREIGN
-- RACE HORSES

1. COMMERCE INFORMED BY CALIFORNIA BREEDER OF THOROUGHBRED
RACE HORSES OF RESTRICTION ADMINISTERED BY JAPAN CENTRAL
HORSE RACE ASSN. WHEREBY FOREIGN HORSES ARE LIMITED FROM
PARTICIPATING IN MORE THAN TEN PERCENT OF ALL RACES CONDUCT-
ED IN JAPAN.

2. COMMERCE CONTACTED THOROUGHBRED OWNERS & BREEDERS ASSN.,
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY WHICH AWARE OF JAPANESE RESTRICTION ON
PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN HORSES BUT BELIEVED RESTRICTION
LIMITED WINNINGS OF FOREIGN HORSES TO FIVE PERCENT OF TOTAL
PURSE IN JAPAN. ACCORDING TO ASSOCIATION, JAPANESE REGULA-
TION ESTABLISHED PRIMARILY TO PRECLUDE SUPERIOR HORSES
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MAINLY FROM HONG KONG AND AUSTRALIA FROM TAKING DISPROPOR-

TIONATELY LARGE SHARE OF JAPANESE PURSE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY INVESTIGATE SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE ALLEGATIONS AND RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE ACTION. POSSIBLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION IS TORU OSAWA, PRESIDENT, JAPAN RACING ASSN., 19, 1-1, NISHI-SHINBASHI, MINATO-KU, TOKYO. (NOT CERTAIN IF THIS SAME ASSN. REFERRED TO IN PARA. ONE ABOVE.)

4. ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY INVESTIGATE FOLLOWING RELATED MATTERS: (A) NOTING YEN 4,000,000 PER HEAD SPECIFIC DUTY ON IMPORTATION OF THOROUGHBREDS FOR RACING, WHAT IS DUTIABLE STATUS OF THESE HORSES TEMPORARILY IMPORTED FOR RACING, THEN EXPORTED BACK TO U.S. AND INVOLVING NO SALE? (B) ARE THERE ANY EXCHANGE CONTROLS REGARDING CONVERSION INTO DOLLARS BY NONRESIDENTS OF YEN PROCEEDS FROM HORSE RACING? INGERSOLL

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